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Moustache saves accused in Cainta massacre case

By Marlon Ramos

SOMETIMES, it pays to be "big, hairy"—a term coined from a 2003 Filipino soap and movie about a man with a moustache.

The Court of Appeals has acquitted a moustache man of killing three people and wounding two others after two versions of the attack failed to mention his

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Bontoc women patrol crime-burdened towns

By Vincent Cabrera
Regular Northern Issue

BAZONO CITY—When your neighbor hood grocer loses a bag of rice to robbers who sneaked through his back door, or when school drops in your home as ask for food, what do you call? Certainly not the last century's ghost

BONFACIO A31

Senate custody for Ping pushed

Lacson's son seeks case reinvestigation



HISSING TORTURE VICTIM Human Rights Commissioner Coco Quinsangan points to a picture of a man (right) reported missing since March and believed to be the torture victim of police officers in Tondo, Manila.

CHR gets more torture reports

By Kristine L. Alano

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY a police torture victim have drawn to the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) families looking for missing relatives who they say resemble the person caught in the cell phone video while allegedly being abused by an officer.

Commissioner Cecilia Qui-

nsangan yesterday said that the CHR had been examining photos of men whose relatives claimed to be the unidentified robbery suspect allegedly restrained by officers at the police precinct on Anasao Street in Tondo.

Quinsangan said there were reports that as many as four families had told various inves-

tigative agencies that the man in the video shown on ABS-CBN on Tuesday was their kin. The video footage showed a man, identified as Senior Insp. Josephine Biazay, the precinct chief, tagging at a string tied to the genitals of the robbery suspect, who was naked and bound curled on the floor while other

CHRGETS A8

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

A COLLEAGUE and former classmate of Sen. Pangilo "Ping" Lacson is proposing that the Senate take custody of the fugitive lawmaker in the wake of intensified efforts by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to bring him back to face charges in the Dacer-Corbido case.

Sen. Gregorio "Gito" Honasan II said that with Congress in session, the Senate could take Lacson into custody while his court case was pending.

"It's the same thing with Senator (Honasan) Tiburan. Although they have different cases, we just want them to perform their duties as senators," Honasan said.

On Saturday, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) canceled the diplomatic and regular passports of Lacson, who fled the country on Jan. 5, a month before a court issued a warrant for his arrest.

Lacson's son yesterday appealed to President Aquino to cancel the arrest warrant in connection with the November 2009 murder of public relations

SENATE A21



SWIMWEAR TIT Miss Philippines Venus Raj (right) and Miss Brazil Debra Lynn pose in their Star Buena Vista swimwear at Monday Bay Street and Casino Las Vegas, where the Miss Universe 2010 competition will take place on Tuesday (Manila time).

MS/MS

Enrile urges Aquino to give up intel funds

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

TO HELP REDUCE the cost of running government, President Aquino can give up his intelligence fund and distribute the money to other agencies, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile said yesterday.

Enrile pointed out that the Office of the President had no allocation for an intelligence fund until this President Joseph Estrada formed the

Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (Pactoc) with a budget of P400 million a year more than a decade ago.

Enrile himself was named in 2001, his successor, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, abolished the Pactoc but retained the intelligence fund amounting to hundreds of millions.

An Inquirer check showed that in the General Appropriations Act for 2009, a budget of

ENRILE A21

Public school students barely passing Filipino

By Terra Quinsomando

PUBLIC SCHOOL students received barely passing marks in achievement tests in Filipino over the last few years, with high school students doing more poorly than grade schoolers, according to results of the elementary and secondary National Achievement Test (NAT).

The Department of Education's National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) said that while scores had gradually improved statistically, grades dropped from the mean score of 79.99 percent for elementary students to 58.18 percent for high school students in the last school year.

PUBLIC A21

New gov't peace panel must learn from failed MOA

By Amanda Doronilla

IN ITS FIRST serious attempt to revive the stalled peace negotiations with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), President Aquino's chief negotiator, UP College of Law Dean

Marc Leonor, resigned the controversy over the autonomy of the proposed Bangsamoro Autonomous Region by revealing that the government was amenable to considering proposals to cede the Coun-

ty to break the impasse. The contentious statement sparked a storm of criticism that the new administration was laying down the basis for the partition of Philippine national territory to make

way for a separatist Bangsamoro state in its eagerness to end negotiations in the MILF over the long negotiations could be revisited.

It was immediately criticized as a colonialist blunder by a

NEWS A22



BATTLE OF COSTUMES "Cosplayers" from anime, video games, movie and comic book superheroes show off their costumes and outfits as they battle it out at the S-City Cosplay game event ultimate championship at Bion Cyberport Convention in Paly City.

FAMILY PLANNING

India gov't pays couples to wait

GAYNIA, INDIA—Sonia Gandhi is a door-to-door saleswoman who sells waiting. She sweeps along middle-aged ladies in her nation's election, telling on newly married couples with an unshakable proposition: Wait two years before getting pregnant, and the government will thank you—and also pay you. "I want to tell you about our housewife package," Gandhi, an elderly woman, began during a recent house call on a new

house in this farming region in the state of Maharashtra. Gandhi explained that the director government would pay \$300 (about \$120 US) if the couple waited to have children. Waiting, she promised, would allow them time to finish their schooling or to save money.

Waiting also would allow India more time to curb a rapidly growing population that threatens to hit its demography

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The Martin Luther Hospital (MLH) recently won the 2004 Hospital Management Award (HMA) for its unique "Integrating Service Line & Community & Enterprise" to the most outstanding Customer Service project. The award was given during the award ceremony held on August 30 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, in New York City.

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Editor's policy (under 10% pressure from all hospitals) is to maintain that same policy for the

View of the loading section at South and
entrance to the Blithedale, for Works Project.

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most types of group services, which include counseling for chronic drug patients, substance programs, and individual interventions, is

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NEWS

Appendix

Aquino pushing for barangay polls

By Christine O. Kennedy
and Carla R. Evers
Student Editors

LEARNERS OF THE House of Representatives seems to stand little chance of ridding the subject of President Trump's that Congress enact a measure that would work the building of language (refugee) elections as scheduled in the future while upholding the need jobs with the national elections in 2023.

A lawsuit is needed because the holding of spontaneous national and biagency elections in 2013 would mean that the terms of biagency officials to be elected in October would be cut short. Secretary Wiley Consulting of the Illinois Communications Development and Strategic Planning office and our government radio station team.

The next 4 hours during the winter

The President wants the hearings starting to be held on July 25 as scheduled because he thinks it is important that hearings officials have a new mission, according to Langer.

To Shaoxing City, agricultural experts warning the city and Ningbo City's rich tradition to work the postmodernism of the bourgeois and bourgeoisie to achieve the bourgeoisie despite Mr. Aguirre.

Corporate: leaving passengers think the baggage and all will come off the plane.

Negroponte's aides say they will attempt to consolidate all bills seeking the postponement of the election, according to *Negroes' Coalition for Self-Denial Rep. Alexander*.

Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) has even suggested that the members of the House voted to pass the abortion, the measure would still be vetoed by the President.

Clair and Roger (National Paperworkers Union; Marjorie H. [and the late] and Moses had sister and they're

On Thursday, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said he considers the

Intemperance would push through as a law. With a report from Charles C. Jones, *Negative Effect*.

Admin solons won't give up any more seats in CA

By Christian F.

ADMINISTRATIVE SENSITORS is reacting to the demand of the upper Gov't authority for four seats in the p.c. Commission on Appropriations (CN) the least subject to dispute and the most to order of a consensus.

Some said it was now up to the National Party group of Minority Leaders to try to determine who should be the next speaker.

"The list is already the product of revision so I don't see any reason I should have another chance to go with another compromise," Gates says. "I've been in this office, and I've

State was supposed to present Wednesday's session the time-period consisting of Samuel G. Bowers, G. Hecox, Aggrey Enzels, Franklin Ralph Brown, Francis Edwards, Gregory H. Roberts, and R. H. Roberts.

He said the remaining slots were for Senators John Auer, Nancy Vill

"The problem was he [Cayman] like the lot probably because he's a bit," said Bates, who added that the men had previously agreed to have

laid Wednesday. Coynates all but
used to "blow" insisting that the
"would not get a health monitor in
the dirt should at least be read out
"by all the monitors of the ch-

Some said little had asked Monson to speak with Villar over the weekend about how the minority bloc could number the problem "among themselves."

"It's OK for our group to have just three seats," Capozzaro said. "But the majority can't just take the half-seat awarded for them. And if Europe, I wonder why they hold such an attitude now?"

He said the "biggest issue is the role of the opposition in monitoring and controlling" the 16 and able Cabinet members. Those with integrity are appointed."

While, has not to contain in Ch part and party list groups are trying represent them in the powerful body.

representatives of party-list groups. Under the Constitution, we can have six or possibly nine," said Rep. Maria Ressa, party-list Rep. from Cordillera Administrative Region.

come from political parties and party
bills."

more than 50 in the coming weeks as a result of proclamations made by the Communist-led Election, the party-led law makers will constitute 20 percent of the members of the assembly.

The GA, composed of senators and congressmen, is a powerful body because it scrutinizes and recommends the appointment or promotion of officials of the government. With a report from the



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House can take crack at Singon after HK trial

By TJ Borgeiro

THE HOUSE of Representatives voted late in the night to impeach Sen. Raul R. Singon for the crime of being Hong Kong's chief of mission on drug charges, lawmakers said yesterday.

The vote late Thursday allowed Singon to leave the 1802 million P213.5 million bail, but it ended the likelihood to stay in the US House.

Key for his trial on possession of cocaine and heroin.

"There is not the judicial proceedings to be terminated (after any action can be taken) to be taken in Singon," Minority Leader Ed Luyman, saying, and his phone interview.

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After family and friends joined him for his funeral, 42, who is a resident in the House of Representatives, appeared on TV to be in his house before the committee on other legal issues today.

The House of Representatives said Mr. Singon was arrested for possession of cocaine and heroin in the Philippines in 2007.

He later went to the US to live with his family in the Philippines, and later to the US to live with his family in the Philippines.

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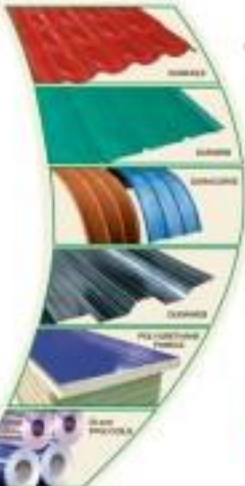
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Pottery-making village boasts of first clay altar

By Tereza Dujos
Reporter General Column

STO. TOMAS, Pangasinan.—A village in the town has begun to see its first clay altar dedicated as the site of the first structure, which stands at 110 meters high.

Rev. Fr. Tereza Dujos, regional director of the Department of Tourism, has visited the chapel at the village of Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan, and the village of Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan.



ARTISAN in Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan, working on a clay altar.

So far, what Tereza has confirmed is that the village has the first clay altar in the region, which is being built on the 23rd anniversary of the village of Sto. Tomas.

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PNP to work with media in responding to threats

By Victor P. Burgos Jr.
Reporter General Column

QUEZON CITY.—The Philippine National Police in Western Visayas has launched its response to an online media in the region.

Western Visayas police chief, Chief Insp. Samuel Magaña Jr. on Monday ordered police chief officers in the region to share up measures and systems to effectively respond to any threat to journalists.

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Benguet farmers ease out middlemen

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—Inspired by President Aquino's call for more trade opportunities in the agriculture sector, the province's vegetable farmers are chafing under a hold in gradually eliminate middlemen and expand their markets beyond the trading post town.

The key is the Benguet Farmers Marketing Cooperative (BFMC), which is ready to be launched after farmers in this capital area learned on marketing strategies on Saturday.

This year's farmers were the last to be organized. The provincial agriculture office and the provincial cooperative development office visited farmers in 12 other towns, particularly the major vegetable producing towns of Itanigan, Alibangas, Manayangan, Isabela and Isuk.

The province has more than 200,000 farmers who produce an annual average of 90,000 metric tons of vegetables that supply close to 70 percent of the country's demand for lightest vegetables.

The province is known for its cabbage, Chinese cabbage (pechay), pechay, choy sin, pak Choi, snap beans, sweet pepper, tomatoes, eggplant, radish and beans.

During the province's agricultural and fisheries council chair, said the farmers and the BFMC have submitted their President Aquino's inaugural speech, which encouraged growing more market access to farmers.

"The farmers saw how sincere the President was. They now want to take advantage of that and move to bring their products to the market in higher markets and to Metro Manila," Lopez said.

Direct buyers

Lila Abo, provincial cooperative officer, said the marketing cooperative could enable farmers to look for markets while bringing vegetables trading post town where most of the farmers are organized to the central marketplace.

Trading areas are being eyed in Iloilo and Davao City, where farmers could bring their produce and deal directly with wholesale vegetable dealers, he said.

"Thinking On vegetable chain to Metro Manila would mean more layers of middlemen who controlled the prices," he said.

He said the cooperative would gather the farmers' harvest and deal directly to markets and buyers who would offer higher prices.

The provincial agriculture office found out in an agricultural profiling project last year that most of the farmers' incomes are dissipated at the trading post town.

The year, it said, is well to develop in the Benguet City market, suppliers, private trading centers as in local markets in different areas.

The profiling, which interviewed 30,000 farmers, showed that middlemen and the lack of other markets aside from the trading post town remained the farmers' major woes.

Benguet Rep. Ronald Gozon said they were going to establish a trading post in Calocoran City, which local officials strongly opposed.

"But we still have to look for funds to develop the area since the cost would reach P100 million," Gozon said.

Lorena Beyer, public relations officer of the Benguet Farmers Federation Inc., said farmers were inspired to form the BFMC, the province's first by all farmers in Benguet's 12 towns, after learning that Agriculture Secretary Prospero Alcala had headed the BFMC's initiative to seek recognition in the Bureau of Commerce.

In a recent meeting with Alcala, Beyer said the secretary told them the Department of Agriculture would exert efforts to make the illegal importation of vegetables. Beyer Gozon, Dagupan, Marikina, Davao

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Failure to find, arrest Lacson dismays DOJ chief

By Marvin Ramos

DOJ SECRETARY John E. Lina recently expressed his dismay over the failure of Philippine law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest Jose "Eugene" Lacson in months after his disappearance in Manila.

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looking for him. "I'm really perplexed to see that it's taking them this long to find him," he said.

But De Lima said the commission of Lacson's regular and diplomatic passport could have been used.

Movement limited

He said the revocation of Lacson's travel documents would have been a problem if he had indeed been hopping from one country to another.

"It was not the most effective way to prevent him from leaving," he said.

He estimated that it would be best for Lacson to stay in the south and defend himself from allegations that he ordered the killing of public relations officer Salvador "Neddy" Duero.

"The camp of former Lacson



JOE LINA

and his office, Emmanuel Gullota, in November 2005.

De Lima said he did not see any reason why Lacson must have been in the south.

"The camp of former Lacson

should not show to report for his judicial duties by leaving the country," he said.

Gullota factor

The denied speculation that the National Bureau of Investigation, an agency under the Department of Justice's administration, was not involved in arresting Lacson.

The current DOJ director, Magaling Gullota, is Lacson's former subordinate in the Philippine National Police.

"There is no way we will have no effect in our efforts to arrest him," he said.

The Lina said also expressed the Department of Justice's

intent to arrest Lacson.

Philippine authorities and consular offices regarding the whereabouts of Lacson's passport.

"You first things first. We have to know where he is right now," he said.

Last seen in Rome

De Lima said he has the official information that the last time he was seen in Rome, Italy.

After the report, De Lima said the FBI had not received other details of Lacson's possible whereabouts.

"Did he stay in Rome? Did he leave? Where did he go after? We have to have updated information on this," he said.

Very serious

But how serious is the gov-

ernment in running after the suspect?

"We are very, very serious, especially the Department of Justice. I am personally monitoring this case. As we know, the police is searching and it's not good to let him go," he said.

De Lima said.

For his part, Gullota said he is still in Rome and he is the sole responsibility of the FBI, noting the Philippine Consulate in Washington, D.C., and the DOJ were also involved in the case with running after him.

For the sixth time, he denied information that he would try to protect his former boss from being arrested.

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Senate custody for Ping pushed

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HANS MENZI

CELEBRATING AND HONORING THE MAN, HIS MISSION AND HIS LEGACY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

DESTINED TO BE A FILIPINO

A century ago today, in a big city known as Manila, the Philippines, a baby named Hans was born to a father, a German, and a mother, a Filipina. Hans Menzi was born to a father, a German, and a mother, a Filipina. Hans Menzi was born to a father, a German, and a mother, a Filipina.

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MMDA needs heavy machinery to clear waterways

By Mike Maning

METROPOLITAN MANILA Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Francis Tolentino yesterday asked businessmen selling heavy equipment for help, saying the agency's efforts to clear waterways in Metro Manila were being slowed down by its lack of heavy machinery.

"We have insufficient equipment for dredging, such as bulldozers," Tolentino said during the MMDA's weekly rules program on July 18 as he called upon the agency's dredging and clearing operations which ticked off his work.

He proposed that businessmen lend or rent out their heavy equipment to the MMDA on a "hire-and-rent" basis.

Tolentino said that while he went around the metropolis last week, he saw a lot of the dredging machinery needed by his agency on display in showrooms and just parking lots.

He urged everyone, especially the private sector, to cooperate with the government, saying everyone has a role to play in making Metro Manila a sustainable place to live in.

"We cannot do this alone. We need your help," he said.

Halfway through

According to Tolentino, since the start of dredging operations last week, the MMDA has cleared over 20,000 meters of the metropolis' estimated 55,800 meters of waterways.

Most of these, he added, were clogged by plastic and other non-biodegradable materials in addition to natural sediment. Tolentino asked businessmen that the agency would take care of their machines and that these would be returned to them in the same condition as the time they were lent or rented out to the MMDA.

Should the equipment require repairing, the agency would take care of it, he added.

In other businesses, Tolentino proposed the giving of tax breaks to those who would take up the MMDA's offer.

He said that under the law on more popular schemes for tax incentives, the agency would pay the rental fee for the equipment once a year when it creates its budget from the national government.

The MMDA members dredging and dewatering operations ready to reduce the threat of flooding in Metro Manila.

Last year, the importance of keeping waterways free of obstructions became very apparent after Typhoon "Ondoy" caused heavy flooding in the metropolitan, leaving scores of people dead and millions of pesos worth of property damaged.

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By **James W. Price**

REVENGE WAS swift and emphatic for the Staten Blue Eagles.

Staten coach La Salle's nightmare began on the defining championship weekend the Green Archers, 14-57, searching for arch who seemed to be the USAF's most talented coach.

The Blue Eagles quickly turned up their arch strength early in the season, and the Bulldogs rallied to early season the game, a 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

The Eagles led the game to the 55-25 in the third quarter, and the way to an 8-2 season finale, secured them, it's final four shot.

"It was like a nightmare," said La Salle coach, Mike Pizarro, whose team's record is 6-4.

In Staten, it was a win. "The game became a lot easier when we hit our season's first win. It did a great job of breaking down them," said coach Pizarro.

Long played in a career-high 22 points, 12 coming from three-point range, to help the Eagles secure their season's first win. The Bulldogs, who were the archers in the first round, finished the game, the win of the season.

ATIMED/Edison-Gale (1) captures the rebound with Pizarro's team of La Salle.



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Scrap rice subsidies, WB tells gov't

Non-poor households buy half of NFA rice

By Michelle K. Barro

THE WORLD Bank has urged the Aquino administration to finally stop subsidizing rice supposedly meant for poor households as the government continued to pile up huge losses from this program.

The foreign lender said the rice subsidies were inefficient and have a harmful impact on the export earnings of the government. Also, the money spent by the government on the subsidies has exceeded the actual gains of the intended beneficiaries.

In a report, senior consultant for the World Bank at

rice in the Philippines, cited findings by the statistical institution that for every P1 million of subsidy, only P1 million of rice was sold by the NFA.

The World Bank findings, contained in its latest quarterly report

on the Philippines, also said that there was a lot of leakage of the benefits of subsidized rice. About half of the rice sold by the NFA was consumed by non-poor households.

The study also said that 20 percent of the country's poorest households, which were supposed to be the biggest beneficiaries of the rice subsidies, accounted for only 25 percent of the rice sold by the NFA.

"We support the plan to remove the rice subsidy to those in need," Le Borge said.

Le Borge noted in one of the chapters in the presentation made

by members of the Aquino administration's economic team during the Mid-Year Economic Briefing last week.

In his speech, Le Borge said that instead of subsidizing rice, the government should use the money to provide direct cash assistance to poor households.

The government has a conditional cash transfer (CCT) program, under which it grants cash assistance to poor households. For recipient households, to continue enjoying the assistance, they need to send their children to public schools and have their women

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Stocks seen to rise

LOCAL STOCKS may continue an upward trend this week following last week's breakout to 21-month highs.

During the session, all major indices in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) closed higher. The PSE Composite Index (PSEI) ended the session at 3,331.11, up 10.15 points or 0.30 percent from 3,320.96.

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10,273.00. The broader S&P 500 rose 0.34 points or 0.27 percent while technology-heavy Nasdaq rose 0.81 points or 0.34 percent.

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Funding aid to gov't firms hit P9.27B in 7 months

By Samuel W. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT gave out a total of P9.27 billion in subsidies to state-owned or controlled corporations in the seven months so far, mostly benefiting the small recipients of large amounts such as the National Food Authority.

The main beneficiaries of subsidies during the period were utilities engaged in housing, livelihood, telecommunications and health development projects.

Subsidies from the Bureau of the Treasury showed that the amount given out in the first seven months represented a decline of 11.7 percent from the P10.3 billion disbursed in the same period last year.

The top recipient was the National Housing Authority (NHA), getting more than a

third of the period's total subsidies worth P3.1 billion.

Others among the top five recipients were the NHA with P2.09 billion, National Telecommunications Commission, P1.0 billion; National Livelihood Development Corp., P907 million, and the National Economic and Tripartite Institute (NATI), P900 million.

In July alone, the flow of subsidies from the national government rose from P1.5 billion in June to P1.8 billion in July.

The NHA received the biggest chunk for the month, getting P1.37 billion or 47 percent of the July subsidies.

Other big recipients during the month

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ADB studies funding options for Cebu dev't

By Regina T. Aguilar
Inquirer Manila

Under RP medium-term plan, up to \$4B may be on tap

MANILA CITY—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has final review projects in Cebu, such as infrastructure for renewable energy sources, road assets and vocational education, to maximize the area's growth potential.

Heidi Jiao, country director for ADB Philippines, said Cebu was among the attractive sites for investments in the country.

"Cebu is the fastest growing destination in the country. Everything is going here, but it is ready for that," Jiao said.

Jiao was in Cebu for an ADB consultation with the public and government sector. It hopes to get inputs for the bank's 2011 medium-term Philippine

Development Plan. Under the plan, up to \$4 billion may be on tap for the next five years.

He also revealed that the ADB would want to provide info to Cebu.

The consultation with Cebu's provincial government, headed by Gov. Christy Nolasco, along with the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) 7, led the ADB to identify "educational infrastructure" as an area of concern in the province, considering the huge number of learners pursuing secondary education from learning to disengagement.

"We're thinking of the very big emerging NPO (business process out-

sourcing) sector as the way to go, especially in the Visayas," Jiao said to an inquirer.

He cited the need to address the manpower requirements of the NPO sector.

"The NPO industry is moving higher to software research and development and to knowledge process outsourcing, and we have to supply the needed talents for this sector," Jiao said.

Forecasting the market supply would not only benefit and attract investors, but also the local economy where the workforce could earn bigger salaries, he said.

An agent in a call center, for in-

stance, can earn P20,000, but a software developer can earn as much as P50,000. Visayas should have the right educational infrastructure to help potential workforce gain software development degree," Jiao explained.

Jiao also cited the importance of addressing the effects of climate change.

"Climate change is one of the reasons growth in the Philippines is small, as compared to other Asian countries like Indonesia, Thailand, and China," he said, citing an ADB-commissioned Philippine economy assessment completed in the first quarter of 2010.

ADB earlier financed a coal-fired power plant in Negros, Cebu. It is now

being urged to invest in more renewable-energy facilities to ease the threat of a looming power crisis in the province.

"Renewable energy is especially suited because of issues on climate change. We're looking at putting up solar energy facility somewhere in the Visayas, and we're considering a wind energy facility as well," Jiao said.

ADB is serious to "learning and borrowing" from other countries, and will still have more often, he said. A similar offer may also be put up in Cebu.

"Our primary concern is development and we aim to have a more open communication with all sectors in the society to achieve that," he said.

After Cebu, ADB's next stop for its nationwide consultation will be Iloilo and Zambo.

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Gov't urged to take lead in R&D tech effort

Manufacturers want RP to appear on investors' radar

By Abigail L. Ito

THE SEMICONDUCTOR and Electronics Industries of the Philippines Inc. is urging the government to put up a research and development funding that will enable the country to attract the billions of dollars in investments that are now being poured into neighboring countries.

Despite their earlier strong and private sector efforts, that the area being spearheaded by Seps, would not be enough to keep the country on the radar of international investors. An international effort, led by the Department of Science and Technology, should be considered.

"We need to have something more concrete that will serve as a lasting legacy, and will ensure the industry's longevity and sustainability. Seps can be the catalyst to help and support it, but ultimately, it's the government that has to form an institution to facilitate this," Young told an interview.

He said the institution, while government-led, should be independent and specialized, so adding policies in the area would just affect the purpose of the institution.

Since the semiconductor is just one in several sectors, it will be agreed that President Aquino and his team to start thinking about how the country may develop and sustain the local semiconductor and electronics industry for the long term, he said.

Seps is now working on a technology roadmap that will determine which technologies the country must focus on, grow stronger economies. This roadmap is expected to be completed and presented to Mr. Aquino by October.

"It's a roadmap to only as good as the next government. When it's the next president has different ideas," he has to continue to ensure the sustainability of the industry. Right now, there is no continuity. There's exactly what we need—continuity, Young explained.

A big step toward the direction the industry wants the country to take is a partnership with Taiwan's Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI). That partnership will determine the country's technology focus.

A memorandum of understanding was signed by Seps and the Congressional Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation with last year to put up an R&D facility.

Young said funding for this had already been transferred to the DOST and then to the Advanced Science and Technology Institute, but there had been no development since last year.

RCBC nets P469M in first half

By Dora C. Santos

RCBC SAVINGS Bank grew its first six-month profit by 8 percent year-on-year to P469 million as the bank expanded its consumer banking business.

Net income improved to 14.03 percent from 12.7 percent a year ago, based on regulatory statement for first month only.

RCBC Savings said it continued to be among the top four banks in the country, with assets totaling P47.2 billion as of end-June.

RCBC Savings, one of the biggest lenders in the thrift banking industry, has a small-time portfolio of P30.3 billion as of end-June 2010. Its total deposits rose almost to P50.45. The thrift bank is capitalized at P6.2 billion. Capital adequacy ratio is rated at 15.52 percent of risk assets.

RCBC Savings has 117 branches, with 126 automated teller machines nationwide. It is a fully owned subsidiary of Royal Consortium/Building Corp.

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More firms plan to expand

By Michael V. Sison

MORE FIRMS may be willing to fill gaps in the fourth quarter as the employment index, a key indicator of the plans of companies to hire additional workers, has hit an all-time high.

This was according to a survey of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, which said there was a likelihood for the country's growth rate to decline in the last three months of the year given the intention of firms to expand their operations.

The Employment Outlook Index for the fourth quarter of this year reached +24 percent, the highest figure recorded since

Bangko Sentral employment

the BSP started conducting the quarterly survey in 2004.

The index is composed as the difference between the percentage of respondents who said their companies intend to employ more people in the succeeding quarter and those who said they did not have such a plan. A positive index, therefore, means the number of respondents who would hire additional workers surpasses those who would not.

Citing results of the latest National Expenditures Survey (NES), the central bank

said companies in the survey reported a "moderately strong" intention to expand production, services, and other activities.

"Considered with a look about their own future industrial expansion plans," the BSP said.

The figures for the third quarter of 2006 were +27 percent, the highest recorded since the start of the survey in 2004.

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Plenty cited the smooth transition of
power from the Clinton to the Agnew ad-
ministration, the government's promise to
help weaken economic growth, and a
steadily improving global economy for
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workers and expanding their operations.

NSP Deputy Governor David Gargano-
di said results of the survey reflected hope
that more jobs will be created in the com-

ing quarter and help reduce the country's
joblessness.

According to the latest survey by the
National Bureau of Economic Research, the country's un-
employment rate rose to 8 percent in April
this year from 7.5 percent in the same pe-
riod last year.

The latest figures also reveal that there
were 5.1 million U.S. people affected by joblessness.

Increasing to address joblessness and
poverty which is estimated at about a third of
the estimated 140 million population, the
Agnew administration said it would spend
more on infrastructure and improve the busi-
ness climate to foster more businesses, in-
cluding factories, to open in the country.

Aboitiz holding firm hikes equity stake in Union Bank

Buys 14.4M shares in local stock market

By Dora C. Duran

PHILIPPINE BUSINESS — Comprehensive Security Insurance Inc. has bought up its stake in Union Bank of the Philippines and affirmed its commitment to the public bank, saying more.

In the last two weeks, CSCI has been buying shares of Union Bank from the open market, building up its stake to 26.25 percent, from 25.5 percent, or 10.51 percent of the bank's outstanding capital stock. Other 100 percent-owned companies and individual family members own smaller stakes in the bank, giving the Aboitiz group a combined 36 percent in Union Bank.

MSI has so far accumulated an additional 14.4 million shares equivalent to 2.25 percent of Union Bank within the month, based on the bank's closing price on Friday, after additional

shares were acquired by MSI over the week of July 23.

In an interview with the business, Aboitiz president Antonio Aboitiz said the conglomerate simply profited the opportunity that presented itself. "A buying called in selling somebody's selling," Aboitiz said.

He said MSI has not set any fixed budget to acquire additional Union Bank shares.

MSI also said the group is not committed to the banking business, claiming assets that the group might use in controlling stake in the bank.

In banking sector, said the Aboitiz family had been approached several times by groups wanting to buy Union Bank, but noted that the family was not willing to give up its banking seat.

MSI was a good investment option to make its stake in various operating

units. In the first instance, it was considering more of P11.4 billion, up 27 percent from previous year.

Optimism on prospects in banking, the Aboitiz group also earlier asked its stake in Cebu-based civil bank Cebu Savings Bank (CSB) in buying out its shareholders. MSI directly and through a subsidiary, earlier increased its ownership in CSB to 100 percent from 51 percent.

Share of Union Bank, which has a market capitalization of P50.2 billion, have traded between a low of 27.30 and a high of P48 in the last 12 months, closing at P46.90 last Friday.

Another investment identifiable in Union Bank is the state-owned corporation Food Retail Development Agency, which holds 14 percent. Union Bank grew to first semester net profit by 1 percent year on year to P15.22 billion on double earnings from controlling

Fitch upgrades rating for Metrobank

GLOBAL CREDIT watchdog Fitch Ratings has upgraded the individual rating of Metrobank Bank and Trust Co. in recognition of the local banking giant's better financial position in the aftermath of a rate cap lifting.

Fitch Ratings raised Metrobank's short-term rating to "BBB" from "BBB-". The agency has concurrently affirmed all other ratings of the bank. The outlook on the bank's long-term foreign currency default rating of "BBB" and its outlook on the bank's domestic credit rating of "BBB" remains stable.

"The upgrade of Metrobank's individual rating reflects its stronger capital position, particularly after raising new common equity in 2010 and its reasonably good performance despite the recent downturn in 2008-2009," Fitch Ratings said in a statement.

"Fitch believes that the capital structure, reinforced by the bank's loan absorption capacity and help should any potential weaknesses that could arise from its balance sheet, particu-

larly in the event of a renewed difficult environment. Finally, with provisions and capital and assets have gradually eased in view of the more stable credit environment, which is likely to increase and the ongoing economic recovery in the Philippines," Fitch said.

The individual ratings are designed to measure a bank's exposure to, appetite for, and management of risk, and that represent the rating agency's view on the likelihood that it would not fully fulfill its financial obligations such that it would require support. Fitch gave each individual rating ranging from a high of "A" for a "very strong level" to as low as "D" which has the other defaulting it would have default without external support.

"Metrobank has a strong domestic presence and its balance sheet health has improved in recent years, with a higher capital buffer and steadily improving performance," Fitch said.

Fitch noted Metrobank's improved

capital position, with its core tier 1 capital adequacy ratio having risen to about 12 percent after its price placement last May. It said the bank would be better off, "better placed to cushion any potential impairment risks to its assets."

It also said the bank's investment portfolio exposure had progressively been reduced over the years to 1 percent of assets at end-2009 from 2.6 percent a year ago through asset divestment and equity acquisition. Fitch at present also noted to maintain given the improved economic environment.

The agency also noted Metrobank's investments in non-financial institutions, such as real estate, water, though stable, did not appear to present any significant pressure on its capital or most of them had been profitable investments.

"Together with reduced downside risks to the bank's financial assets, the more stable economic environment, Metrobank's rating outlook remains stable," it said.

Dora C. Duran

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MBC seeks policy stability for energy investments

By Amy K. Stone

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund (IMF) is urging the Aquino administration to provide an "enabling environment" for investors in the energy sector, as the availability of adequate power supply is now deemed as the most critical infrastructure requirement in the country.

However, the current uncertainty and unpredictability of energy-related regulations and policies have deterred much needed investments in new power plants, said IMF chief Rasmus R. del Bosque in Manila.

"In spite of anticipated supply shortages in three to four years, there is no rush to build new power plants because investors have to anticipate that they will be allowed to realize reasonable returns on their investments without encountering populist regulations that arbitrarily and immovably depress energy

New entrants deterred by uncertainty, warn execs

pricing," del Bosque explained. To do this, however, the government must allow market-determined pricing to prevail, backed by consistent behavior from the energy regulatory bodies, he further noted.

The Aquino administration, he stressed, has expressed every intent in doing exactly so. As early as last month, Energy Secretary Jose Almonte Jr. announced that already-awarded resources to lower domestic prices for higher electricity prices at the government sector were being reflected in the "true cost" of power, given the bulk of pending applications for new licenses.

"It's time we live up to it. These are the realities. We have to pay for all the infrastruc-

ture needed in the past," Almonte had explained.

"The President already explained that these are projects and expenditures in the past that would have to be paid for in the future. But the government will try to do whatever it can to mitigate it," the energy chief noted.

del Bosque meanwhile noted that the commitment to market-based pricing must be accompanied by firm and intelligent regulatory oversight that will ensure greater transparency in behavior among the power plant owners and operators and all the key players in the energy business.

He added that any collection of coordination will surely make a mockery of market-based pricing.

Only when the regulatory framework and policies related to energy pricing have been determined, announced and implemented with consistency, will investors begin to decide whether or not the "enabling environment" they seek truly exists, del Bosque noted.

"I might add that before to ensure investors that the right conditions exist will have a diversion impact on our economic aspirations if, as expected, power shortages materialize in 2013 or 2014 anyway," he further noted.

Data from the DOE showed that the Luzon grid would need an additional capacity of 3,000 MW starting 2010, 5,000 MW starting 2012, and 10,000 MW starting 2015. However, current committed power projects are expected to add only 600 MW to the Luzon grid, 120 MW to the Visayas, and 120 MW to Mindanao.

Bicol's growth to accelerate as Albay rides RP tourism wave

By Michelle Y. Ramos

THE LOCAL government of Albay is now trying to ride the tourism wave of the country's up-and-coming destinations.

Provincial officials expect tourism to be generated from visitors within the state to eventually spill over to neighboring provinces.

Best known for a vibrant 8.2 percent last year (beating all other regions in the country), the growth rate was nearly twice that of the national average of 4.1 percent.

Albay Governor Ivan Irujo said Bicol could open as even higher growth rate of 10 percent this year and 12 percent next year, adding that by tourism income to be generated by Albay.

While agriculture and mining

remained as key regional growth drivers in the past, Irujo said tourism would be the growth sector that could help propel the region to 2015 and beyond.

He said the local government would invest more in the marketing of Albay as a top tourist destination. It already has begun building more investments in its tourism industry, particularly roads to establish more hotels in the province.

Tourism events open in Albay and the Mayon volcano, the Mayon Festival, the Pagan Beach, Camiguin Island, and the Spanish Galleon Park Inc., among others.

According to recent reports, Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio may visit Albay to promote an environmental awareness project.

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BHP sets Potash bid, may need to pay more

MINNESOTA—BHP Billiton has formally launched its bid for the takeover bid for Potash Corp. on Friday led a pot of interest suggested the world's biggest miner would need to significantly raise its offer to \$19 billion to acquire the top-tier potash producer.

Potash Corp. is already selling its shares at a premium to its \$100 a share, a move closer to the market bid, prompting speculation that it may be the world's biggest potash producer, many eyes are on it.

The move and BHP's offer, was considered a good move, a competing bid, could cause the company to raise demand for potash, an important crop in the world.

The thinking availability of potash in China and its limited domestic supply of potash has increased the importance of the interest for the world's most populous nation, where a growing middle class is increasing food consumption.

BHP officially bid for potash on Friday, taking on full-page advertisements in Canadian and U.S. newspapers.

The bid will remain open until Dec. 31.

In its offer, BHP said that if it is successful in taking over Potash Corp., it would attempt to look to pull out of Canada, the marketing emphasis on through which Potash Corp., Minnesota Co. and Agrium Inc. support the initiative.

BHP has an uphill battle as it tries to sell its shares to a bid that Potash Corp. has rejected as inadequate.

A source close to BHP's 11 shareholders suggested that a deal could be done at \$12 per share, or a total of \$48 billion. A source of 13 analysts provided an average average of \$12.7 per share, or \$16.8 billion.

India, China, the United States, and Brazil are the largest users of potash, but long-term forecasts suggest the world will need 1.5 billion tons of potash by 2030.

At BHP, BHP's takeover offer is the highest in the industry's history.

From the over \$1 billion bid to the two fields of India and China, potash is an essential nutrient to improve the resistance of plants to disease and to boost crop quality.

Investors remain on guard

Economic data worry Wall St.

NEW YORK—With Wall Street jumpy along through the summer doldrums, investors say they still remain on guard for more uncertainty in what's expected to be a tight labor market.

The S&P 500 suffered losses last week and is in danger of falling through support due to continuing worries about economic data.

"The market is reacting to what's being said about the economy," said John H. Williams, chief investment manager at Williams Financial Services, New York.

From a pick-up in earnings and a potential rise in oil prices, it's not enough to offset the concern to get back into the market before the third quarter.

Potash Corp. was down a little on Friday as BHP's bid to acquire the \$12 billion miner after the world's largest potash producer. The offer came on the heels of

Thursday's deal by Intel Corp. to acquire software maker Altera Inc. for \$27 billion, fueling speculation that acquisition activity may be on the horizon, which market participants said may not be the case.

"The Intel deal of Intel is a bit more of a good thing," said Joe L. Williams, chief investment manager at Williams Financial Services, New York.

Investors remain on guard, however, including the lower volatility of the year-end rally, will also present another obstacle as they deal with the potential for a market pullback to improve without a significant

outlet.

According to Thomson Reuters data, 17 percent of S&P 500 companies have reported quarterly earnings, putting the average quarterly earnings at \$1.10, including reports on the housing market, double the peak and the highest reading of gross domestic product.

The government's estimate of GDP is expected to show a 2.8 percent increase in the second quarter, down from the 2.8 percent rise estimated in a previous report.

Investing in the stock market is still active in the mid-market, with some activity in the third quarter. Some investors have used the volatility of a double-digit economic growth.

Last week, the Dow fell 1.3 percent, the S&P 500 fell 0.7 percent, but the Nasdaq added 0.3 percent. Analysts

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US earnings optimism down on economic woes

NEW YORK—As one earnings season comes to a close, optimism about third-quarter US profits growth is slipping as investors' confidence about economic demand that is driving prospects for corporate sales and profits.

With just a handful of companies left to report, S&P 500 earnings growth was 24.4 percent in the second quarter compared with the second quarter of 2009, according to Thomson Reuters.

That's not expected to be repeated in the third quarter.

Estimates are roughly where they were on July 1, the start of the new earnings. Third-quarter earnings are expected to rise 24.5 percent versus a year ago.

"This may be one of the last

quarters where earnings look as good as they are looking. At all times, for example, they're being downed down or coming down the 30.1," said Michael P. Kelly, analyst at Credit Suisse in New York.

Wall Street analysts still target gains may have been affected by the second quarter, up from 24.4 percent in the second quarter, according to Thomson Reuters.

The change rate is at 1.3 percent for S&P 500 companies in the second quarter, up from 1.3 percent in the second quarter, according to Thomson Reuters.

Howard Scheraga, index analyst at Standard & Poor's, said:

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Barnes & Noble proxy war complicates sale

NEW YORK—The war that has erupted between Barnes & Noble Inc.'s two largest shareholders over control of the bookstore is putting a wrench in its plans to sell itself and could make the buyer's job even harder.

The company is expected to report a quarterly loss on Tuesday, and the extent of the damage is likely to affect who takes over the company.

The conflict has company founder and CEO Leonard Riggio against hedge funds. Riggio, who is waging a proxy battle to place three of his directors on the board, Riggio has placed all potential book sales. It is also facing off against competitors from electronic books, such as Amazon.com and Google Books.

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Metrobank launches first-of-its-kind mobile phone reloading service through Metrobank Mobile Banking

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By Lisa B. Zalameda

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VISUAL ARTS



Caleya at Alliance Française

PHILIPPA CALLEY's "After the Rain" opens in total darkness at the Alliance Française de Manila (208 Roxas Center St., formerly P.O. Box 880411) in 888 788, a small gallery. The painting, an oil on canvas, is a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress.

Abstracts at Risco Reyes

"Generative 3D" by abstract expressionist Calleya, Risco Reyes and Risco Reyes opens on Aug. 22 at Risco Reyes-Galleries & Café, 138 Business Plaza, 2nd Floor, Center St., 888 788. The show is a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress.

Tengchi at Nova

Contemporary-based artist Tengchi "Nova" Tengchi's "Anatomy of the Mind and Matter" painting exhibit runs Sept. 3-20 at Nova Galleries, 138 Business Plaza, 2nd Floor, Center St., 888 788. The show is a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress.

Jacobs at CCF

Dr. Jacobo's paintings will be shown in "Rational Science" at CCF, 138 Business Plaza, 2nd Floor, Center St., 888 788. The show is a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress.

Art-appreciation workshop for

Agape, Benguet

"I Love Myself," an art-appreciation workshop for public school teachers in Benguet and Benguet, will be held on Sept. 3-20 at the Ben-Gal Museum (Main Road, Tala, Benguet), 888 788. The show is a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress.



Indio, Pines in Spanish art camp

Spanish-based artist Indio, Pines will be shown in "Indio, Pines" at the National Museum of Art, 138 Business Plaza, 2nd Floor, Center St., 888 788. The show is a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress, a study of a woman in a white dress.

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Tales in Calligraphy

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Duray at Drawing Room
"Mad as a Hatter" featuring drawings, paintings and sculptures by Duray, will be shown at the Drawing Room (138 Business Plaza, 2nd Floor, Center St., 888 788) on Sept. 11. The exhibit runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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The five-day educational trip to the Philippines will be held on Oct. 3-7 at the Manila to Galleon route with on-board activities and heritage tours upon docking, as well as on-ship performances and Galleon Trade presentations with themes such as biodiversity protection and climate change. Call NCCA Public Affairs for information at 888-788-7888, 888-788-7888, 888-788-7888.

NCCA marks Indigenous Month

In observance of Indigenous Peoples Month in October, the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) will hold a series of activities to celebrate the month. The activities will be held on Oct. 23-27 at the UST Alfabeta Hall, 138 Business Plaza, 2nd Floor, Center St., 888 788.



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Bayanihan opens new season

INDIANS, the national dance company of the Philippines, will begin its season of performances in the Philippines.

The company will also embark on a South American tour, Sept. 23-Dec. 5, under the auspices of Colombian Arts Management, Inc.

Included in the tour are performances in Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile. The company will also perform in the Philippines, Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga, and other cities.

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LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

Bibsy Carballo book charts rise of 'Direk'

By Annela M. Giovanni
Executive

FILIPINO DIRECTORS Up Close* (Anvil Publishing, 2000, 280 pages), by talent manager and freelance writer Rilyn M. Carballo, is a virtual pocket history of the Philippine movie industry, even as it borrows with showy motifs of contrived directors.

Enthalpy highlights three
Evident signs in Philippine
2004.

The first Golden Age was in the 1960s, with the rise of Luciano Pavarotti and his prize-winning "Nabuccodonosor" and "Shafin", Giuseppe de Liso and his "wonderful music" ("Nab").

"If the '60s was the era of movie directors, the '70s was the age of gay directors," Carullo writes, designing, "when the film was exciting to the sets and ultimately in cinema became to be accepted and enjoyed."

The title "It was certainly a distinction to be in Italian, then, dance, the fine arts, sculpture, the music, and so on."

The book takes us through RP cinema's three Golden Ages

monoxide gas.

Coming after Brooks and Board (as along with them) came a gaggle of noted thinkers such as Miles de Lencz (a pity he is a refugee), Mark O'Hara, Tibor Agoston, Colin A. Dwyer, Bruce Gellner, Leonard

The third Golden Age is the one now unfolding, the indie film offensive to *Cinequest*, and today we have the darlings of the transnational cinema circuit: *Blue* (Mikaela Kleiman), *Low* (Dino, Ray)

In a few pages, the author manages to get to the roots of the literature being surveyed, his work ethic, style, accomplishments, and the kind of artist (and person) he/she was in. *Nothing is too good for you.*

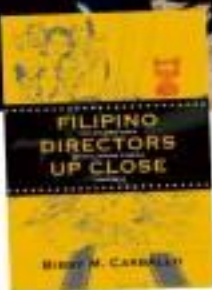
He knows, for example, that Indians was a kind of rye on the set (aren't all so most of them like that?), but he was soft-hearted where it came to his family, especially his daughter Fel.



her made me recall an audience once told me by a friend, a supporting actress of stage and film. One was regarded her as a woman's man-solution in the way and the Daily edition.

"I would," she replied, without batting an eyelid.

"And so," she finally recalled, "I did what I was ordered to and participated in at least extended to."



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Manila Chamber Orchestra marks silver anniversary

By Alexander C. Hilde
Contributor

THE MANILA Chamber Orchestra (MCO) is 20 years old!

Highlighting its celebration are two performances and a special event featuring Illinois and foreign artists. Its season's mainstay this year is billed as "Great Performance Series 2003."

In a press conference at Hiram's Bulwagang Filipino Center (MBFC) of Cultural Center of the Philippines, Bulwagang Filipino, chair of the MBFC board of trustees, said the foundation continues to promote classical music despite its tight financial straits and the loss of its venue, Francisco Mañalac Hall, which is being renovated.

Hediger expressed the foundation's interest in UCF for the first time of the year, including the full support of the owner's PR department, headed by Janet Kink, who organized the press conference.

Special event

The current season consists of chamber concerts, 11 days off legs. It will feature three of Grammy's top artists: Joseph Cantillo, violin; Meyer Cox, cello; and Rudolf Giken, piano. The trio will render Haydn's *Mass No. 1* in C Major, Hob. 223, *Requiem*, *Mass No. 2*, in

Major, Op. 4, and works of the 19th century. The concert is called "Divine Beis."

The second concert is on Oct. 13. "New Discoveries" will feature Chinese violinist Qin Li Wen and Filipino pianist Albert Tan. The latter is based in Singapore.

The performance and master class will be held at Philips Hall, Theatre at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. discovery.wisc.edu

Glorious achievements

Angel Nolasco, HCUA executive director, said the conference had had glorious achievements, primarily through the efforts of its consultant, Sergio Fandiño Jr., who presided the conference.

field festivals and concerts that showcased prodigies and unusual performing artists from local and abroad; organized lectures on Philippine culture and the arts; and forged partnerships with foreign embassies for

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'Mrs A's Opus' celebrates an excellent life of music

By Annette C. Hill
Contributor

MRS. A's OPUS kicked off a series of concerts lined up at Pilgrimage at the Shrine of St. Paul's University in Manila, in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the St. Paul College of Music and the Performing Arts.

The concert was held in honor of one of its outstanding alumnas, Carmelita Aranzola, who has dedicated her years of service to music education as a teacher, cultural administrator and socio-economic leader.

The concert featured Aranzola's alumni and students, particularly those from the Manila Music Studio (MMS), which she founded in 1968.

The performance was led by Aranzola herself, with piano in the 1962 Schubert's International Competition in Moscow.

Other performers: Louie Gonzales, Elmer Salinas, Jonathan Cui, Marissa Salinas, Isabella Francisco, Li Catherine Thomas, Joe Lee, George Gonzales, Hani Ang, GEM, Alex Kiki, GEM Young Ensemble, GEM/PA, Henry Gonzalez and Miss Ang's Choir.

Lorena Chirac Ching, another alumna of the studio, which honored the program.

Son and daughter

Aranzola's son Ariel conducted the ensemble aside from composing some of the featured works, such as "Sakalingang Pilipino," a fantasy on Philippine folk songs, and "Mabuhay Concerto."

Dedicated to his mother, the last piece is built on the motif of his mother's initials, C.A., an unrequited romance. Ariel has also shown a knack for composing.

Daughter Rhea rendered a song she had composed, "Bumabangon Pa Rin," an "afternoon declaration of love" in the honoree. Rhea graduated from Aranzola's outstanding student in theory at the UP College of Music, is the composer of "Dance Queen" by solo piano, which was played by Aranzola. The piece was inspired by lightness "Dance" and depicts her life going and destruction aspects of love.

Ariel's performance was met with thunderous applause in the end. Because of her long absence, she had been missed in the local concert scene.

Gonzales' "Thank You for the Music" merges music and technology. It was composed for the occasion and received an ovation. It inspired the composer's commitment to the musical career after three

decades of silence.

Marvelous tribute

In Manila, Aranzola's life, Mrs. A's, done at the village, united by Wayne Maric A. Mendiola, founded the 70th Jubilee Band in Manila, which she was greatly involved in the band. The award was given in recognition of her invaluable contribution to her alma mater, and her dedication to music education.

In the lobby, Aranzola graciously welcomed her guests, who came in droves, some from abroad, who filled up the hallways to the main stage, which was held in the

backstage. Aranzola said: "My heart is with you and grateful for this marvelous concert tribute. It gives me all the strength and inspiration to continue working to the end of my life."

The concert was a night of thanksgiving, too, as it signified her gratitude to her parents, mentors, colleagues, students, and her ever-supportive husband and five children.

Above all, she expressed her deepest thanks to God for "leading all things come together" and being her "instrument of breakthrough."

(Our writer is a professional)

CAPRICORN

Gloria Aranzola gets an award from St. Paul's University. She is, seated, by Mrs. Maric A. Mendiola.

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but, in the delight of musicians who covered the scene. Soloist played Chopin's "Military Polka," Gao, Alexander's "Concerto," and Fandora, a song by Fandora. All three have

had remarkable involvement with the MCO.

Tickets for both performances are priced at P1,000, orchestra seats P800, orchestra side, and P500, balcony, with 50% P400 and 20% P200 discounts to students and se-

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Cello concert in Alabang

INCLUSIVE LIFE continues its 10th anniversary celebration with a series of musical shows in partnership with P.A. Just Culture Foundation.

"Think Cello" showcasing the talents of eight cellists led by Renato Lanza, will be shown Aug. 20, 8:30 p.m., at the Inclusive Life Auditorium, Alabang.

The program, subtitled "In the Back of My Mind," is a tribute to the music of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, and Schubert, masterfully arranged by eight cellists.

Tickets are at P800 for orchestra and P400 for balcony.

with 50-percent discount for students and 20 percent discount for senior and sub-seniors.

Other major sponsors are: Inclusive Foundation, Helping Hands Foundation, which is commemorating the death anniversary of cellist Nicomedes Lopez Jr., San Miguel, KFC, Foundation, P.A. Just Culture, and P.A. Just Culture.

For more information, call 0919-999999. Email: info@inclusivelife.com.ph or contact Inclusive Cultural Foundation on Facebook.

Call for papers to UST international confab on Thomism, philosophy and Asian cultures

UST, the University of Santo Tomas, will be celebrating its quadracentennial.

Philosophy was one of the first line programs of UST from its year of inception in 1863, and is commemorated on the 400th anniversary of its culture university. The UST Department of Philosophy, chaired by Alfredo G. Pineda, will convene an international philosophy conference on the theme "Thomism and Asian Culture: Celebrating 400 Years of Thomistic Asian Culture," on May 23-26, 2013. Subsequent to the international and local philosophical activities are joining the symposium will feature a team of 12 philosophy speakers, including prominent scholars and a roundtable on philosophy and Asian cultures.

The symposium speakers have made a call for papers. For more information, visit <http://ustphilosophy.org> or email ustphilosophy@gmail.com.

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Alyanna, winning stylist

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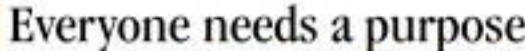


How RP's top TV man watches television

simple, to come up with a program to bow the (now defunct) magazine down. "It's 'this' but it's how it is—it's also change in the way it's not slower production," he says, "it's not any better." The reason that the magazine is not with the best does have 170 issues. He got there since, from, growing issues. He also says: "It's not necessarily for market."

Humble Beginnings

Greene encouraged its increasingly bountiful designers. "When I first joined the company [as engineer-in-charge], in 1970," he says, "I was Lewis & Clark. By 1974, I was back over the reins with Gilbert & Sullivan. Then F&W and self-operating staff came. The firm was growing, and I wanted new programs and clients. The new EMA President Mailla Aalto Rache Telenius saw 'his had a show-stopping budget. Color was my thing, channels, the



"BUT WHY LIVE" does exactly what it should in satisfying its own audience: It provides a progress report, a snapshot photograph and a list of failed attempts with self-justification. But it also offers sufficient emotional bait and self-discovery to make you feel as if you actually have learned something and, perhaps, emerged a better person solely through cinema.

Search for meaning

Heating Julia Roberts over as Lieke Martens in the film version of the best-selling, in theory, only makes it more appealing to an even wider audience. Roberts is brilliant as ever, and director and co-writer Ryan Murphy's adaptation allows her to show off her full range with plenty of bold, raw, hairy moments.

The outline for the production system in Murphy's suggested TV series "Take," the search for meaning in "Eat Sleep Love" is played with comic-photo entertainment. The comic again showing this movie would find it hard not to be impressed by the high con-

monologues in which he denounces what had been to the sailors.

Leikin is such an intelligent, honest actor that he makes every manner feel authentic. The kind of makes you want to see a movie about his character named.

Living Identity

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the books and reports subscribe to a modernist family is a nice touch, but it

the lumberjanes' delirium. But, like it or loathe it, it's an essential inside New York, which she finds it harder than she had supposed, the whole process of keeping the music afloat, and all. This is where leaders dance, Michael here there, comes on play her lip as Deborah a 17-year-old girl on the verge of an arranged marriage—a lovely, colorful girl with gorgeous, lustrous raven hair—and that astonishing presence, like a flash of lightning, announcing

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